
FEBRUARY 19, 1806.

Ordered to be engrossed and read the third time, on Monday next.

A Bill,

For imposing a tax of ten dollars on all slaves hereafter imported into
the United States.



1 Sec. 1. *BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives*
2 *of the United States of America, in Congress assembled,* That a
3 duty of ten dollars be imposed, levied, and collected on the impor-
4 tation of every person, who shall hereafter be imported from any
5 foreign country or place, into the United States, as a slave, or for
6 the purpose of being holden to service or labour, during life; which
7 duty shall be paid at the time of making report, as hereinafter men-
8 tioned, or at the option of the importer, or importers, secured to be
9 paid within three months thereafter: *Provided always,* that the said
10 duty shall not be imposed on the importation of any slave, who, at
11 any time before such importation, shall have been within the United
21 States during the space of six months.

1 Sec. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That it shall be the duty of the
2 master, or commander of any vessel, on board of which there shall
3 be any such person, or slave, as aforesaid, to have on board, and
4 exhibit, a manifest of the same, and to make report thereof, and to
5 pay, or secure the duty aforesaid, under the like regulations, re-
6 strictions, penalties and provisions, as are by law established with
7 respect to the collection of duties on goods, wares, and merchan-
8 dise imported into the United States; and such manifest shall con-
9 tain a just and particular **account** of all such persons, or slaves, so
10 on board, stating their sex, and whether minors or adults, and the
11 number of each description.

1 Sec. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That if any such person or
2 slave shall be landed within the United States, from any vessel,
3 **contrary** to the true intent and meaning of this act, before the duty
4 aforesaid shall be paid, or secured as aforesaid, the ship or vessel
5 importing such slave, together with her tackle and furniture, or the
6 value thereof, shall be forfeited to the United States.